

ADVISORY OPINION 92-006

Any advisory opinion rendered by the registry under subsection (1) or (2) of this section may be relied upon only by the person or committee involved in the specific transaction or activity with respect to which the advisory opinion is required. KRS 121. 135(4).

October 13, 1992

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RE: Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your question is can the Campbell County Democratic Party sponsor a yearly scholarship in memory of local democratic leader who is now deceased, and may the scholarship, paying for two (2) semesters at Northern Kentucky University, go to an incoming democratic freshman?

KRS 121.150(2) as amended by SB. 221, Section 25 states that:

Except as provided in KRS 121.180(10), the solicitation from and contributions by candidates, slates of candidates, campaign committees, political issues committees, permanent committees, and party executive committees to any religious, charitable, civic, eleemosynary, or other causes or organizations established primarily for the public good is expressly prohibited; except that it shall not be construed as violation of this section for a candidate or slate of candidates to continue regular personal contributions to religious, civic or charitable groups. (Emphasis added).

Therefore, based on the above language, the course of action that you are considering would not be allowed under Kentucky Campaign Finance Law. The exception referred to in the statute {KRS 121.180(10)} is not relevant to the situation you described, since it deals with a purchase of campaign fundraiser tickets by a candidate or campaign committee.

This opinion is based upon the course of action outlined in your letter. If you should have any more questions, please give us a call. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Shull
General Counsel

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